

A message from Board of Health:

The following data has been reported to the Police Department and Board of Health on a daily basis from the Georgetown Public Health Nurse.

Month	# Cases (2021 Count)	Days in Month	Average Cases/Day	# Cases (2020 Count)
August	31	31	1.00	6
September	40	30	1.33	7
October	64	31	2.06	16
November	153	30	5.16	58
December	39	6	6.5	109

With 39 reported cases thus far in the month of December (6 days), we're on track for ~201 cases by month's end, unfortunately a potential new high.

The increase in Covid 19 cases in Town as demonstrated by Chief Cudmore's previous graphic as amended by the BOH, represents what has warranted the Board of Health's issuance of a new Emergency Order requiring the wearing of face covering in all indoor settings open to the general public, in all municipal buildings and private commercial businesses.

In 2020 we were all still wearing face coverings and social distancing, and our case count was significantly less.

Today although we have a significant number of citizens who have been vaccinated for protection against the Covid 19 virus, and the vaccination has been noted to provide significant protection against experiencing severe symptoms and health conditions from the virus and the Delta variant, it does not provide full protection from contracting the virus or variants.

Testing by the CDC has shown that even vaccinated individuals are susceptible to contracting the virus variants and can then unknowingly (if they are asymptomatic) spread the variant virus to others. For these reasons and because of the emergence of the Omicron variant strain of Covid 19, for which sufficient data is not yet known, the Board of Health has issued the Emergency Order to require the wearing of face covering indoors.

The Board of Health is hopeful that all citizens will give some serious thought about the increase in cases, the time of year (as flu season is upon us); and their own and their families safety; as we approach the holiday season with potentially large family and social gatherings about to occur.

The attached Emergency Order was approved today by the Board of Health and will be effective beginning tomorrow. The Order will be posted on the Town website, social media and a notice will be sent out via calls to all citizens of Georgetown tomorrow.

Covid 19 and its variants have not disappeared, and we need to still protect ourselves.

Although not popular, the simple implementation of the proper safety protocols, such as wearing face covering and social distancing when we are inside, can help prevent the spread of infection and can help keep everyone safer.

It is a small thing to do, to help keep yourself and others safe.

Also, please consider getting vaccinated today, it can be your best protection against serious health risks associated with Covid 19, and for those that are eligible please get your boosters as soon as possible.

Thank you for caring and stay safe.

Georgetown Board of Health